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Hold estate, &c

purchase, take, hold, receive and enjoy, to them and their successors, any messuages, tenements, houses and real estate whatsoever, and all other hereditaments of whatsoever nature, kind and quality they be, in fee simple, for a term of life or lives, or in any other manner, and also any goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever, and that they and their successors shall have full power and authority by the same name to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of the same real estate and hereditaments for life or lives, or years forever, and also all goods, chattels and personal estate whatsoever at their will and pleasure, as they shall judge to be most beneficial and advantageous to the good and charitable ends and purposes of this act, and that it shall and may be lawful for them and their successors hereafter, to have a common seal, to serve for the causes and business of them and their successors, and the same seal to change, alter, break and make new, from time to time at their will and pleasure.

Seals

Persons authorised to choose president—vice president.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid Doctor James Thomas, Doctor John T. Rees, Doctor Gustavus Warfield, Doctor Octavius Taney, John G. Chapman, William F. Johnson, Doctor Samuel T. Kemp, Doctor Henry Hiland, Joseph E. Muse, John C. Herbert, Doctor Robert Goldsborough, senior, Doctor John S. Martin, Doctor William Tyler, Doctor William Whitely, Doctor John Clagett Dorsey, Doctor George E. Mitchell, Doctor Henry Howard, Doctor James Montgomery, Brice W. Howard, Alexander Fridge, George Hoffman, Upton S. Heath, Doctor John I. Cohen, Charles Howard (of John E.), J. J. Donaldson, John Scott, David Keener, Hugh McElderry, William Hubbard and Evan T. Ellicott, or any number of them not less than seven, which number shall be a quorum, competent to exercise all the powers and execute all the duties conferred and required by the provisions of this act, shall be, and they are hereby authorised, empowered and required to assemble at any place in the city of Baltimore by them agreed upon, on the third Monday in May next, and elect from their own body, or from the citizens of Maryland at large, by ballot, a person to act as president of the visitors aforesaid, and in the same manner, some person to act as vice president, which said president, vice president and visitors, shall have the sole absolute control and government of the said hospital, in manner as hereafter is declared and appointed, and shall further have power and authority to appoint a secretary to their board, and a treasurer for said hospital.

Absolute control granted.

Secretary & Treasurer

Annual meeting and election of officers.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said president, vice president, and visitors shall be, and they are hereby authorised forever after the said third Monday in May next, to meet and assemble at such place in said hospital, or the city of Baltimore as they may designate, on the third Monday of every successive May thereafter, and in the same manner as is hereinbefore directed, elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer as aforesaid, which said president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall hold, occupy and possess their respective offices for one year, and until other